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**Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann Announces 2014 Recipients of  
Downtown Enhancement Grants**

INDIANAPOLIS- Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann announced today that ten Hoosier communities will receive grants for downtown revitalization projects totaling \$95,312.00. With the communities matching \$178,515.50 in addition to the grant funds, the total project costs amount to \$273,827.50. These State grants are funded through the Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

“Reviving and enhancing our downtowns are important elements in an economic development strategy,” said Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann. “With these grants, Indiana Main Street communities can undertake projects that will make a big impact on their local downtown districts.”

The Downtown Enhancement Grant (DEG) recipients include:

Organization	Description	Grant Amount
Rediscover Martinsville/ Community Foundation of Morgan County	Beautification and streetscape project around Courthouse Square	\$10,000.00
Lawrenceburg Main Street Inc.	Streetscape project including bike racks and permanent benches	\$10,000.00
Flora Main Street/Flora Community Club	Façade Improvement Program	\$10,000.00
Jeffersonville Main Street, Inc.	Beautification Project: Creation of Downtown Mural	\$10,000.00
Discover New Carlisle/Town of New Carlisle	Streetscape Project including wayfinding signs, benches, and trash/recycle receptacles	\$9,653.00
Logan’s Landing Association	Façade Improvement Program	\$10,000.00
Batesville Main Street/ City of Batesville	Streetscape including benches, planters, and bike racks	\$5,659.00
Heart of Rushville	Beautification Project including wayfinding signage, creation of a downtown mural, and planters	\$10,000.00
Downtown Goshen, Inc.	Façade Improvement Program	\$10,000.00
Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville	Façade Project	\$10,000.00

The DEG program is designed to foster innovative approaches to downtown development activities, which support and promote community partnerships, projects, and programs to revitalize the downtown area.

“The Downtown Enhancement Grant program encourages and builds strong partnerships between local Main Street organizations, Cities, Towns, and other community organizations for the purpose of improving the quality of place and promoting economic development in Indiana’s downtown districts,” said Bill Davis, Executive Director of the Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

Indiana Main Street is a statewide program that encourages the revitalization and restoration of downtown areas in Hoosier cities and towns. The program is administered by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA).

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*The Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs was created by legislation in 2005, making rural Indiana a major focus for the first time. For additional information on OCRA and its programs visit [www.in.gov/ocra](http://www.in.gov/ocra). For updates from the Lt. Governor and the agencies she oversees, please sign up at [www.in.gov/lgov](http://www.in.gov/lgov).*

*For information on Indiana Main Street, visit <http://www.in.gov/ocra/mainstreet.htm>*